(ii) Under Income Tax act a deduction of 100% profit for five years and 25% profit for the next five years in case of new agro processing industries set up to process, preserve and package fruits and vegetables.

(iii) Customs duty on refrigerated vans reduced from 20% to 10%.

Paper on Indian food processing industry

2421. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Association of Chamber of Commerce and Industry has submitted a paper on Indian food processing industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any steps have been taken to implement the recommendation;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (e) The suggestions of Association of Chamber of Commerce and Industry *inter-alia* were for creating direct access to agriculture produce, a revised food law, level playing field through taxation, facilitation of industry and exports etc. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries assists through its plan schemes. Facilitation of food Processing Industries as well as interactions with Industry Associations is an ongoing process.

Competition in food in food processing industry

2422. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state whether Government have taken sufficient steps in view of the international competition in the food processing area because we could not imagine modern day competition in the age of globalization without proper upliftment of the food processing industry?